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NEWSLETTER

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HSC Report: On June 26, the GPO told a caller that the report and "3 or 4, at least, of the 7 JFK volumes" would be ready within two weeks (that is, by July 10), and that if the material wasn't released then, it wouldn't be their fault. Washington sources are saying "between the 10th and the 20th of July." Best guess: a press conference by Stokes, probably Friday the 13th or Monday the 16th, with the material available to the press 3 days earlier.

It's still not clear to me if all the supporting volumes will be released at the same time, and how many there are. Seven seems a bit low, but the alleged total of nearly 40 includes both JFK and MLK, and the roughly 19 volumes already published. So, I expect 7 to 10 JFK volumes, maybe not all at once.

One source (unconfirmed) advises that Bantam will make a mass-market paperback out of the report itself.

Clippings:

* 1. 16 Apr 79 Spotlight [3 pp.] (From TCI, 6/22/79) "CIA Desparately Trying to Cover Up Own Spy Scandal" By Victor Marchetti. Moles, Paisley, Kampiles, etc. Hard to tell where Marchetti stands.

*** 2. 19 Jun 79 WP [1 p.] "CIA Probe Into Rifled Files Called Superficial, Self-Serving." By George Lardner. (See comments below.)

3. 20 Jun 79 WP [1 p.] Herblock cartoon re rifling of files. (Citizen to Adm. Turner: 'This wasn't 5 or 10 years ago - this was on your watch.')

4. 25 Jun 79 Time [1 p.] "Cops' Co-Op" (LEIU) (Photo of LEIU critic Linda Valentino.)

The Blahut case: Item #2 above actually confused the picture for me; it's not clear if the incident happened at night, or during working hours when someone left the room empty for a few minutes. I am told the Post had another major story on 6/28. That evening, Stokes made a statement, saying that the staff was not satisfied re motive, but that, in the absence of a full confession or other new evidence, it could not be resolved. The House Intelligence Committee is reportedly looking into the case. I gather it won't just go away.